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## STRIKE IS LAID BEFORE PRESIDENT

### Railroad Brotherhoods and Railroad Managers Present Their Views at White House—Preparations Made That Would Stop Every Train, Passenger and Freight, in U. S.

WASHINGTON, August 14. — Railroad managers and brotherhood leaders, deadlocked in negotiations which threatened a nationwide railroad strike today laid their case before President Wilson. First came 35 representatives of the brotherhoods, who conferred shortly after 10 o'clock. They were followed by the committee of managers. The brotherhood men went into the conference in their determination not to accept an arbitration under the Newlands act, which they contend has always furnished arbitrators before whom the men did not have an unprejudiced opportunity. There was some indication that the President recognizing that view, might propose special arbitration before a board of 12 members on which the four brotherhoods could be represented.

The President's plan was to appeal to the managers and men on the high patriotic grounds to find a way to compose their differences without a strike.

NEW YORK, August 14.—If President Wilson fails to persuade the railroad men and their employers to settle their differences and a general strike is called it will be directed from headquarters in this city. This announcement was made today. At the brotherhood headquarters it was said that all preparations had been made for putting into effect a strike that would stop every train, passenger and freight on the 228 railway systems of the United States. Authorities here declared that while the national labor laws gave the President no right to interfere officially the broad police powers vested in him gave him authority to put soldiers on the trains and even to declare martial law if he believed the peril of the situation called for such drastic measures. The tension in business circles here today showed a realization of acute danger of a national calamity.

The President's conference with the men was opened with a statement by A. B. Garretson of the conductors as spokesman. He outlined the demand for an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime. He insisted that the demands were fair.

President Wilson then addressed the men, pointing out what disaster would follow a general strike and insisting that an agreement must be reached. The President then asked to know the specific things on which the employees were prepared to insist. Mr. Wilson promised to take the demands up with managers in effort to find a common ground on which two sides could meet. After being with the President two hours the representatives of the men left the White House and Mr. Garretson said they expected to see the President again later in the day after he had conferred with the managers.

Mr. Garretson refused to say whether the outlook was hopeful. It was arranged that the managers should see the President at 3 o'clock and that meanwhile the President would keep one or two important engagements, including one with Judge Chambers of the federal board. At the White House it was said no indication could be given of the progress of negotiations until after the President saw the managers, but one of the leaders of the four brotherhoods characterized the conference with the President as "most encouraging" and declared "the outlook for the prevention of a general strike was hopeful."

### Centre Congregational Church

Pictures of the pageant held during the Centre church centennial are on exhibition at Root's pharmacy, where an order book for the same has been left. Persons desiring pictures are asked to leave their names and addresses, ordering by the number on the back and stating whether they are to be mounted or unmounted. Price 25 cents each mounted; 20 cents unmounted. The pictures are to be paid for when delivered.

### In Odd Fellows' Temple

Monday night at 7.30 — Regular meeting of Wantastiquet lodge.

## AUSTRIANS STILL FIGHT FIERCELY

### Making a Plucky Stand After the Disastrous Results at Gorizia

### CONTESTING EVERY INCH OF ADVANCE

#### Progress of the Italians in the Next Few Days Probably Will Be Slow — Have Pierced Line of Entrenchments on the Carso Plateau.

ROME, August 14.—Descriptions of the vigorous Italian offensive in the vicinity of Gorizia are coming in almost hourly. The Austrians are resisting obstinately on the San Gabriele line and the San Marco heights, but it is impossible that this is their real line of defense, as they have a new point of resistance on the high plains overlooking the Gorizia plains, which interfere with the free movement of the Italian troops. The Austrians, although badly defeated at Gorizia, still are strong and full of fight. Gen. Cadorna's further progress probably will be slow, as every inch of advance is being contested. Fighting continues on the other fronts.

ROME, August 14, via London. — Italian troops continued yesterday pressing the Austrians back on the Carso plateau and east of Hill No. 212, pierced another strong line of entrenchments. About 800 prisoners were captured by the Italians.

### NOT KNOWN WHEN TROOPS WILL LEAVE

#### Capt. B. S. Hyland, in Command of Camp, Says Order Is Expected Hourly—Not Fully Equipped.

The Central Vermont railroad has received an order to prepare to send the rest of the Vermont militia to the border at short notice, but no order has been received here showing when they will leave.

Although no formal order has been received at Camp Governor Gates, it is expected at headquarters that the troops will leave in a day or two. Capt. B. S. Hyland of Company A, commanding officer at the camp, says that the order to march is expected hourly. The original order from Washington to the effect that no company of militia could depart until fully equipped is still in force, and the four companies in camp still lack their ponchos, mosquito bars and bed sacks.

### MRS. ADDIE (PRIEST) SUMNER.

#### Former Putney and Brattleboro Woman Dies in Turners Falls.

News was received here yesterday of the death in Riverside, Mass., of Mrs. Addie (Priest) Sumner, 61, who was born and spent a large part of her early life in Brattleboro. She had been in ill health several months and was stricken with a shock last Friday at her home near Turners Falls, which resulted in her death yesterday morning. Mrs. Sumner was born in Brattleboro Jan. 27, 1852. Her father died on the journey from Germany here with Dr. Wesselhoft, then superintendent of the Watercure establishment on Elliot street and her mother died soon after her birth.

She was adopted by the late Mr. and Mrs. N. H. May and later by Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Priest of Brattleboro, who moved to Putney early in the seventies. She moved there with her adopted parents and married Martin N. Sumner of that town. They lived a few years in Putney and then moved to Brattleboro, living here a few years before moving to Riverside, where she had lived since. Mrs. Sumner died about 30 years ago.

Mrs. Sumner leaves one son, Harold Sumner, of Sharon, superintendent of the mine and plant of the Vermont Copper Co., and five grandchildren. One son, Ralph, died while young and another son, Charles Sumner, who was superintendent of the Griswold Cotton mill of Turners Falls, died a little over a year ago.

The funeral will be held at the house at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

### ARREST IN MURDER CASE.

#### New Evidence May Save Convicted Man from Electric Chair.

ALBION, N. Y., August 14. — A warrant was issued here today by Chief Justice H. T. Tucker charging Erwin King with murder in the first degree in connection with the Phelps and Wolcott murders at West Shelby in March, 1915, for which Charles F. Stielow is under sentence of death.

The justice refused to say upon whose information the warrant was issued. District Attorney Kuickerbocker had announced early in the day that King repudiated the confession, alleged to have been made in the Little Valley jail to Mrs. Grace Humiston, a New York lawyer, who has been working to save Stielow from the electric chair. Mrs. Humiston demanded to see King on her arrival here today, but the district attorney refused to permit an interview.

## DOUGHTY ENTERS FOR TENNIS PLAY

### Former Michigan Champion to Take Part in State Tournament, Which Begins Here Tomorrow.

Play in the men's singles for the Vermont State tennis championship will begin on the courts of the Brattleboro Country club tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Both courts will be in use throughout the tournament up to the finals. Play in the doubles will not begin until Wednesday, probably in the afternoon.

Although the entry list will not close until this evening several more entries have been received since the publication of a list last week in The Reform. Richard Doughty, ex-champion of Michigan and a former Williams college star who is spending the summer in Williamstown, has entered and will arrive Tuesday afternoon.

Edgar Tilton, Wakefield Dart and E. Heine have entered from the Pine Grove Springs hotel and the two latter will play in the doubles matches. John Williams of Walpole, N. H., has entered, and it is expected that by the time the entries close tonight there will be the best showing of entries in recent years.

A. H. Chapin, champion of Springfield, Mass., arrived this morning, accompanied by Mrs. Chapin, who is the woman champion of that city. It is planned to arrange an exhibition match between Mrs. Chapin and Miss Sarah M. Young of Pittsburg, Pa., who will be a guest of Fred H. Harris during the tournament. Miss Young is a very clever player, having competed in numerous tournaments with unvarying success. This match and possibly some mixed doubles matches will be staged probably Wednesday afternoon.

There will be an invitation dance Tuesday evening on the courts under the management of the house committee of the Country club, to which members may invite guests. Leisinger's orchestra will play and electric lights and Japanese lanterns will furnish the illumination. Dancers are requested to wear low heeled shoes.

## GREAT DAM BROKEN BY FLOOD WATERS

### Inhabitants of North Carolina Valley Fleo from Homes When Structure Gives Way.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., August 14.—The great dam at Toxaway, weakened by the recent floods, broke last evening, sending a great wall of water down the valley toward western South Carolina. No lives had been reported lost at a late hour, and warnings are believed to have enabled most persons in the path of the flood to reach safety.

The lake, an artificial body of water covering 530 acres and an average depth of thirty feet, was reported almost entirely drained. The dam, an eighth of a mile long and fifty feet high, was completely destroyed. The town of Lake Toxaway suffered only minor damage.

The released waters are rushing through the Toxaway river valley, a comparatively uninhabited section, toward the Chuga river in South Carolina. Anderson, Walhalla, Pickens, and Seneca counties composed the territory immediately threatened, and warnings were telephoned to all places that could be reached. Persons familiar with the territory believe the waters will spread out over the uninhabited country immediately south of Lake Toxaway and thus minimize the possibility of extensive damage.

The lake was created in connection with a summer resort. The dam was constructed at a cost of \$50,000.

### FISHING SCHOONER LOST.

#### Four Men from Gloucester Lost Off Grand Banks.

GLoucester, Mass., August 14.—The loss of the fishing schooner Oriole, with four members of her crew, off the Grand Banks on Saturday, was announced here today. He was 35 years old and a great-grandson of Robert Treat Paine, a signer of the declaration of independence. The yacht's Puritan, Mayflower and Voltaire, all of which he owned, successfully defended the America's cup in the international yacht races.

### GEN. CHARLES J. PAINE DEAD.

#### Civil War Veteran Owned Yachts Defending the America's Cup.

BOSTON, August 14. — The death at Weston of Gen. Charles J. Paine, well-known as an officer of the Civil war and later as owner of three successful defenders of the America's cup, was announced here today. He was 85 years old and a great-grandson of Robert Treat Paine, a signer of the declaration of independence. The yacht's Puritan, Mayflower and Voltaire, all of which he owned, successfully defended the America's cup in the international yacht races.

### BOY'S SKULL CRUSHED.

#### Howard Bouchard Killed by Kick of Horse at Barre.

BARRE, August 14. — Howard Bouchard, 12, son of Mrs. Mary Nichols of Nashua, N. H., who is visiting relatives here, was almost instantly killed Saturday when he was kicked in the head by a horse on the farm of W. J. Nichols, Beckley hill, better known as the A. Tomasi place. The Bouchard boy and his cousin, Eston Nichols, a lad of his own age, went to the W. J. Nichols farm for a visit, and it was while the two boys were handling a horse that the fatality occurred.

A white frost last night did considerable damage to cucumber and squash vines in certain sections of Guilford and probably in other places where the plants were on land much exposed.

## DECREASE IN PARALYSIS CASES

### Best Showing in Many Weeks Reported from New York Today

### DEATH RATE ALSO IS AT A LOW MARK

#### Only 31 Fatalities for the 24-Hour Period Ending at 10 O'clock—Favorable Change Is Attributed Largely to the Cooler Weather.

NEW YORK, August 14. — The epidemic of infantile paralysis took a turn for the better today. The number of new cases of the disease reported to the health department went under the 100 mark for the first time in several weeks. During the 24 hours ending at 10 o'clock this morning the plague killed 31 children in the five boroughs of New York city and 95 new cases were reported. This compares favorably with yesterday's figures when there were 141 new cases and 22 fatalities. The falling number of cases was attributed to the cooler weather.

## WILL OPEN STORE ABOUT OCTOBER 1

### Huntress-Wood Co. to Have Three Floors Formerly O. J. Pratt Store and Floor Over Woolworth's.

Frank Huntress and son, William C. Huntress, both of Keene, N. H., were in Brattleboro today on business connected with their proposed drygoods store in the former O. J. Pratt building, in the same location where the late O. J. Pratt conducted a drygoods store over half a century. They said they expected to open the store about Oct. 1. The firm consists of Frank Huntress, William C. Huntress and George H. Wood. This will be the ninth in a chain of stores in which Frank Huntress is financially interested and for which he will be the resident manager and Mr. Wood will be a part of the time. William C. Huntress has been with Forbes & Wallace in Springfield, Mass., the past year. Mr. Wood is a member of the firm of Wood-Huntress Co. of Claremont, N. H.

The F. W. Woolworth Co., which recently bought the Pratt building and will occupy the north store, vacated a few weeks ago by Goodnow, Pearson & Hunt, will occupy the rear end of the former Pratt store, into which an entrance has been cut from the north store. But aside from that section the Huntress-Wood Co. will occupy all the three floors which made up the Pratt store and in addition the entire floor over the Woolworth store, giving them much more space than Mr. Pratt had.

The front will be improved, the entrance doors being set back several feet to give deeper show windows. The firm will carry drygoods and fancy notions on the first floor and basement and a full line of women's ready-to-wear garments on the second floor.

The chain of nine stores is made up as follows: Huntress-Wood Co., Brattleboro; Chamberlain, Foote & Co., Vergennes; Ross-Huntress Co., Rutland; Wood-Huntress Co., Claremont, N. H.; W. P. Chamberlain Co., Keene, N. H.; Chamberlain, Adams & Co., Winchester, N. H.; Chamberlain-Patten Co., Nashua, N. H.; Hillsboro Drygoods Co., Hillsboro, N. H.; Chamberlain-Huntress Co., Fitchburg, Mass.

### FAIRM LOAN BANK HEARINGS.

#### First to Be Held in Augusta, Maine, August 21.

WASHINGTON, August 14.—Dates and places were announced here last night for the first 13 hearings to be held by the farm loan board for compiling information on which it will divide the country into 12 farm loan districts under the new rural credits law and determine the location of a federal loan bank in each.

The itinerary, so far as worked out, with the dates of hearings follows:

August 20, August 21; Concord, N. H., August 22; Hartford, Conn., August 23; Springfield, Mass., August 23; Utica, N. Y., August 24; Lansing, Mich., August 25; Madison, Wis., August 26; Des Moines, Ia., August 28; Sioux Falls, S. D., August 30; St. Paul, Minn., August 31; Fargo, N. D., Sept. 1; Helena, Mont., Sept. 2; Spokane, Wash., Sept. 4.

"The law requires the board to appoint the districts with due regard to the farm loan needs of the country," said a statement issued by the board. "There is a great necessity for the relief which the act contemplates and the important problem before the board is the determination of the means of placing all the advantages of the system at the disposal of the farmers. In this connection a close study of farming conditions and farm loan needs in each state will be made."

## MARCH LANDS SOME STRONG PLAYERS

### Brattleboro to Put Good Team Against Springfield Men at Island Park Tomorrow Afternoon.

Unavoidable circumstances have made it necessary for Hal March to obtain some out-of-town players to complete the line-up for the game tomorrow at Island park against the Moore Drop Forge team of Springfield, composed almost entirely of former Twin State players.

Goodell of Wilmington, who catches for the Wilmington team and is one of the classic backstops seen in Brattleboro in some time, will catch for the local team, as the local backstops are unable to play. There will be a shift in the infield because of the fact that Thomas Guheen, who was expected to play second, left last night for Chicopee, Mass., to take a position. March has at least two more men from out of town who will be here to take any places made vacant and they will be men who have played on fast minor league teams and are in condition.

Onslow Thompson is slated to do the twirling, which means, with Goodell for a backstop, that the visitors will have a hard time getting very far around the bases.

There is likely to be a big turnout for the game, and upon the attendance will depend the continuance of games Tuesday afternoons. While the expense of putting a local team in the field has risen unexpectedly because of the inability of several of the local men to play, March says that he will not consider the extra expense entailed in obtaining satisfactory out-of-town players, but will reckon the finances on what would have been the basis had all local men composed the team.

The game will be called at 3 o'clock.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

### Miss Maude Landis Succeeds Miss Mary Schumacher, Who Has Gone on Indefinite Vacation.

Miss Maude Landis of Kansas City, Mo., assumed the duties of superintendent of the Brattleboro Memorial hospital this morning, succeeding Miss Schumacher, who has gone on an indefinite vacation.

Miss Landis is a college graduate and a graduate of the Searitt hospital in Kansas City of which she was afterward superintendent for three years. She took a post-graduate course in the Presbyterian hospital in Chicago, was for nearly eight years in charge of the hospital in Hannibal, Mo., and recently left the Edward Sparrow hospital in Lansing, Mich. Miss Landis has been conspicuously successful in hospital management and comes to Brattleboro highly recommended.

### KAISER USES VERMONT SNATH.

#### Bellows Falls Product Used for All Scythes on His Estates.

BELLOWS FALLS, August 14.—Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany is receiving much publicity just now because he is reported as spending his afternoons mowing hay with a scythe. Bellows Falls should receive a little reflected glory. The scythe snath used on all the Kaiser's estates are made in Bellows Falls.

The oldest and largest scythe snath factory in the country is located in this village and for many years consignments have been sent to Berlin, assigned to the purchasing agent for the Kaiser. While Wilhelm is wielding his Vermont-made scythe the lowliest peasants in his country and in all European countries are using implements made by the same firm, for they are sent all over the world from this place.

### MRS. OLIVER TRUDO INJURED.

#### Weybridge Woman Run Over at Middlebury by Car of B. O. Wales.

MIDDLEBURY, Aug. 14.—Mrs. Oliver Trudo of Weybridge suffered a bad scalp wound and a broken rib when she was knocked down and run over about 9.30 o'clock Saturday evening near the George E. Marshall store on Main street by an automobile owned and driven by Benjamin O. Wales of Weybridge.

The car was running slowly at the time and was stopped almost immediately by Mr. Wales. The woman was placed in the machine and taken to the office of Dr. P. L. Dorey. Later she was removed to her home at Weybridge in Mr. Wales's car.

### HUGHES AT SPOKANE.

#### Republican Nominee to Deliver Three Addresses Today.

SPOKANE, Wash., August 14. — Charles E. Hughes today expected to spend one of the busiest days on his trip. He was up early to lead an automobile parade arranged so that those who would be unable to attend the two later meetings could see him. His forenoon program included a motor trip to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, 25 miles away. There he addressed an open-air meeting, remaining for luncheon. Two speeches are on his day's program here. The first at 3.30 is to be a meeting for women voters only, the second, at 7.30, is to be a general meeting. Mr. Hughes will leave immediately thereafter for Tacoma.

## FIRE RESULTS IN DAMAGE OF \$2,000

### Gasoline Ignited in French Dry Cleaning Establishment

### PROPRIETOR COULD NOT SMOTHER IT

#### Started in Retting Building and Spread to Brooks House Annex — A Gosselin and Hertzberg Brothers Lose by Fire and Water.

Fire which originated in the rear room of the quarters in the Retting building on High street occupied by the Brattleboro Dry Cleaning Co., A. Gosselin proprietor, which building adjoins the Brooks House, caused damage Saturday evening of between \$1,500 and \$2,000. Very efficient and quick work by the fire department alone prevented a very serious fire. The cause has not been determined, but gasoline used for cleaning purposes caused an explosion that filled the room with flames in a few seconds.

Mr. Gosselin and an employee were at work in the front room a few minutes after 7 o'clock, having left the back room half an hour previously. The electric light in the front room suddenly went out and the men at work then discovered fire in the rear room. Mr. Gosselin rushed into the rear room and attempted to throw sand from a box on to the flames, but was forced to retreat at once with his face burned. Gustaf Hertzberg of Hertzberg Bros., decorators, whose establishment is next to the dry cleaning place, hurried in and ran to the fire alarm box at the corner of Main and High street, where he sounded the alarm from box 57. Within a minute after the alarm was pulled in there was an explosion which shook the rear part of the building. Several persons entered the store and carried out many suits and other garments, all of which were saved and taken to the sample room of the Brooks House.

Chauffeur Charles Stockwell of the fire department was seated in the open door of the fire station when Mrs. Charles Brackett, whose apartment is on the second side of Elliot street, called to him that flames were shooting over the roof of the Brooks House annex. Stockwell jumped to his seat on the combination motor apparatus and was at the scene of the fire before the second round of the box had been completed.

When the firemen got to work the flames were shooting up the outside of the Brooks House annex in which the Brooks House laundry is located. There was a furnace and the outside of that building was on fire at the rear. A stream carried into the store and another outside soon quenched the worst of the fire, but the firemen had to tear up the tin roof on a part of the Brooks House annex and part of the roof on the Retting building to get at the last of the flames. The spectators saw minutes after the fire was over within five minutes after the firemen got to work. Several lines of hose were laid, but it was not necessary to use all of them.

Mr. Gosselin is unable to place a figure on his loss today as it has not been determined whether machines in the rear room are ruined. In any event it will total several hundred dollars. He carries insurance through the agency of T. T. Britton.

Hertzberg Brothers say their loss, principally by water to wall paper and moldings will be close to \$500. There is water loss in the Brooks House annex, and the damage to the two buildings will bring the total damage by the fire to between \$1,500 and \$2,000. The buildings are insured through the agency of H. E. Taylor & Son.

A fire on Feb. 21 originated in the same room, but the damage was not so extensive as that caused by the fire Saturday evening.

Excursion to Newport, R. I., Aug. 24. See advertisement on page 3.



### FOUR POINTS IN UPPER PART OF THE GREAT R.

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